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December 10, 2015

To: Chair Ernest Martin
Honolulu City Council

From: CM Ikaika Anderson 

Re: Safe & Secure Counties Forum & Fall Board of Directors Meeting
El Paso County, Colorado Springs, Colorado
December 2-5, 2015

National Association of Counties Safe and Secure Counties Symposium

December 2 – 4, 2015

El Paso County, Colorado
The Broadmoor Hotel

December 2, 2015

-Travel and flights to Colorado.

December 3, 2015

-Registration started at the Mountain View Foyer Broadmoor West, Lobby Level of the Broadmoor.

-Opening remarks were given in the West Ballroom by the Honorable Sallie Clark, NACo President and the Honorable Amy Lathen, the Chair of the Board of Commissioners of El Paso County Colorado. They both welcomed us to Colorado and laid out the overall agenda for the Symposium. Their remarks were very timely as the need for more safety and security in our counties is needed now more than ever especially with the great many number of foreign and domestic terrorist threats. Thoughts then came to mind on how to make our Council safer from these types, and other threats. It was emphasized that this is a new world with new threats and Safety and Security must be made a top priority. There was general consensus in the room that this symposium was so necessary especially after all of the recent incidents in Colorado, Paris, and now California.

-We checked in with our neighbor island counterparts to make sure that our package arrived for distribution at the National Association of Counties Symposium. They informed us that all had arrived safely and the items were ready for distribution.

-We also picked up a lot of great and informative handouts from the National Association of Counties regarding the organization and the initiatives that they are trying to put forth that included the following:

- [1] National Association of Counties: Safe and Secure Counties Initiative
- [2] Smart Infrastructure: Technology Solutions for More Resilient Counties
- [3] National Association of Counties Improving Lifelines: Protecting Critical Infrastructure for Resilient Counties
- [4] Security in an All-IP World: Strategies and Solutions to Help You Sleep at Night: A Guide for Government Leaders
- [5] Cyber for Counties: Guidebook Version 10
- [6] County News: Easing the Way Home: A Look at Services for Veterans
- [7] Rising from Katrina: How Mississippi Hometown Lost It All and Found What Matters

-These handouts always serve as very valuable references that we use throughout the year.

-NACo presented a plenary session on crisis communication that helped us to ensure accurate public information. We learned that effective communication plays a vital role in building trust, maintaining order, and strengthening our public safety.

-NACo then provided us with a networking break to view the display of Hazardous Materials Response Team Vehicles. We learned much from the Hazardous Material Coordinators on the utilization of the vehicles and how the county trains and staffs a response team.

-NACo then presented a session on assessing risk management and opportunities for County Leaders. We came away with a greater understanding of the environmental and financial risks that our counties face.

-NACo then presented a session on measuring what matters and we learned the essential elements of pretrial data.

-NACo then presented a lunch presentation by Kathleen Koch on local leadership during disasters. We learned a great deal about her, her book on making it out of disasters, and her new non-profit LeadersLink. She encouraged all of us to be a part of this networking effort to be resources for one another to foster shared knowledge, best practices, and collaboration.

-NACo then presented a session on Local Justice and Emergency Management Best Practices.

-Then NACo hosted a reception to provide more networking opportunities for all of us to learn more about how each county handles an emergency or a disaster.

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-NACo then conducted its Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee meeting and had a special presentation by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs from the United States Department of Homeland Security.

-NACo then conducted its Resilient Counties Advisory Board Meeting and had a special presentation by the Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

-NACo then conducted its Board of Directors Business Meeting that included the following items:

- [1] A Call to Order by President Clark
- [2] A Roll Call was taken and all Board Members physically signed in to be counted as present.
- [3] The NACo Board then approved the minutes from the NACo Board of Directors' Meetings from the 2015 Annual Conference in North Carolina.
- [4] Then there were nomination and acceptances of two new Directors for the NACo Board.
- [5] The NACo Board received a report given by the Audit Committee from The Honorable Stephen Holt, Chair and Second Vice President Brooks, Liaison.
- [6] The NACo Board then received a report given by the Finance Standing Committee from First Vice President Desloge.

- [7] The NACo Board then received a report on the 2016 NACo Budget from Matthew Chase, Executive Director and Rob Hagans Jr., Chief Financial Officer.
- [8] The NACo Board then received a report on the 2015 Federal Policy Recap and Consideration of the 2016 Federal Policy Priorities by Deborah Cox, Director of Legislative Affairs.
 - [a] The following are the proposed priorities for NACo's ten policy steering committees for 2016:
 - [1] Agriculture and Rural Affairs:
 - [a] Maintain Funding for Rural Infrastructure
 - [b] Oppose Particulate Matter Regulation
 - [c] Protect County Interests in "Waters of the United States" Rulemaking
 - [d] Modernize Biotechnology Policies
 - [2] Community, Economic and Workforce Development
 - [a] Maintain Funding for the Community Block Grant Program
 - [b] Implement and Fund County Priorities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 - [c] Support Economic Development Funding
 - [3] Environment Energy and Land Use
 - [a] Protect County Interests in "Waters of the United States" Rulemaking
 - [b] Address Water / Wastewater Infrastructure Needs
 - [c] Support Comprehensive National Energy Policy
 - [4] Finance, Pensions, and Intergovernmental Affairs
 - [a] Oppose Unfunded Mandates and Preservation of County Revenues

- [b] Resist Preemption of Taxing Authority
 - [c] Municipal Financing
- [5] Health
 - [a] Protect the Federal-State-Local Partnership Structure for Financing and Delivering Medicaid Services
 - [b] Support Policies to Prevent and Treat Mental Illness and Substance Abuse
 - [c] Improve Health Services for Justice-Involved Individuals
 - [d] Support Core Public Health Services and Safety Net Health Programs
- [6] Justice and Public Safety
 - [a] Fund Byrne JAG Grants
 - [b] Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jails
 - [c] Protect the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program
- [7] Human Services and Education
 - [a] Reauthorize and Fund the Older Americans Act
 - [b] Preserve Social Services Block Grant Funding
 - [c] Support Reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program
- [8] Public Lands
 - [a] Fully Fund the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Program
 - [b] Extend the Secure Rural Schools Program
 - [c] Support Public Land Management Reforms

- [9] Telecommunications and Technology
 - [a] Support Broadband Deployment and Adoption
 - [b] Enhance Cyber Security Measures
 - [c] Support County Engagement with FirstNet Implementation
 - [d] Protect County Authorities in the Reauthorization of the Telecommunications Act
- [10] Transportation
 - [a] Promote County Priorities in Implementation of Surface Transportation Legislation
 - [b] Support Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Financing
 - [c] Promote County Priorities in Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization
 - [d] Support County Priorities in Water Resources Reform and Development Act Reauthorization
- [b] The following are NACo's proposed 2016 national policy priorities for board consideration:
 - [1] Protect the Tax Exempt Status of Municipal Bonds
 - [2] Protect the Federal-State-Local Partnerships for Medicaid
 - [3] Promote County Priorities in Surface Transportation, Funding and Financing
 - [4] Support County Authority to Collect Existing Sales Tax
 - [5] Support the Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools
 - [6] Support Policies to Prevent and Treat Mental Illness and Substance Abuse and Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jails

[7] Protect County Interests in "Waters of the United States" Rulemaking

- [9] Then NACo President Clark provided her report.
- [10] The NACo Board then received a report on the rebranding efforts surrounding the NACo County News by Brian Namey, Public Affairs Director.
- [11] The NACo Board then received a report on the Overview of the Membership Survey provided by Brian Namey, Public Affairs Director.
- [12] The NACo Board then received an update on the NACo-FSC County Retiree Health Insurance Program from Bill Jasien, Executive Chairman, NACo Financial Services Center and David Thompson, President and Managing Director, NACo Financial Services Center.
- [13] The NACo Board then received a preview for the Board Forum called "The County Landscape" by Matthew Chase, the Executive Director of NACo.
- [14] In addition the Executive Director of NACo provided the following report to the NACo Board:
 - [a] NACo has released 4 major studies regarding the county economies, county administration and county jails.
 - [b] NACo has done 8 individualized county profiles on issues such as Endangered Species, PILT, SRS and CDBG.
 - [c] NACo has been working on these 4 specific areas of interest:
 - [1] Advocacy to promote sound public policies that advance the interests of America's Counties.
 - [a] NACo provided input into federal data on counties, the basis for many federal allocation formulas. Federal data agencies, such as the United States Census and the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics invited NACo to provide input into federal data on counties, including the American Community Survey and the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

- [2] Leadership: Empower County Leaders with New Ideas, Resources and Skills.
 - [b] A Study on Mental and Medical Health Conditions in County Jails. In September 2015, NACo released a report examining mental and medical health conditions of jail population and the challenges that county jails face addressing these health needs. The study was accompanied by three case studies highlighting the efforts of counties in dealing with these challenges.
 - [c] NACo researchers educated members on how to use the NACo research products and the County Explorer at 16 state conferences in 2015, 12 since July. They also published articles on research conducted by NACo in 10 state association magazines and newsletters. In addition, they held a session on childhood poverty and income opportunities into adulthood at the NACo Large Urban Counties Caucus forum in October 2015.
 - [d] NACo's main source of county data and maps, County Explorer helps NACo members and the public with benchmarking, advocacy and communications. It allows NACo to employ evidence-based advocacy and to become the top source of county data in the country. NACo researchers added 15 datasets to the County Explorer since July 2015, ranging from PILT, SRS, childhood poverty to veterans data, and this tool is updated monthly.
 - [e] He also provided statistics for 2015:
 - [1] 1120% increase in views from the same period in 2014, for a total of 366,428 views in 2015
 - [2] 105 unique datasets
 - [3] 825 indicators
 - [4] 13 county profiles
 - [5] 155,395 visitors

- [3] Civic Education: Enhance the Public's Understanding of County Government
 - [a] NACo researchers engaged prominent think tanks and universities such as Urban Institute, Pew, George Washington University and Justice Management Institute on a variety of topics of interest to counties.
 - [b] In 2015, NACo researchers had presentations on county issues at events organized by a variety of stakeholders- the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the State Science and Technology Institute, International Economic Development Council, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Economic Development Administration and Governing.
 - [c] In developing research centered on counties, NACo worked in collaboration with the state associations of counties, the American Jail Association, the Government Finance Officers Association, the National Association of Workforce Boards and NACo affiliates such as the National Association of County Administrators and National Association of County Engineers.

-We also picked up materials at the symposium regarding the National Association of Counties that included the following:

- [1] National Association of Counties Legislative Conference 2016: Federal Policies Matter to Counties and Matter to America
- [2] Directing Traffic A look inside one of the world's largest network operations centers

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December 5, 2015

-NACo conducted a board of Directors Breakfast that gave us the opportunity to further network and learn from the members.

-NACo then conducted its Board of Directors Business Meeting that included the following items:

- [1] A welcome and Overview of the agenda was given by President Clark.
- [2] A Roll Call was taken and all Board Members physically signed in to counted as present.
- [3] The NACo Board then conducted a forum that included a discussion on our 2016 Strategic Priorities and was moderated by the Executive Director of NACo, Matthew Chase.
- [4] Then the NACo Board had a discussion regarding the County Landscape which provided the following:
 - [a] An Overview and discussion of the eight board categories of the county landscape.
 - [b] A full board and small group discussions on the current and future directions of counties.
 - [c] A defining and positioning of NACo as relevant to county leaders and local priorities.

-Within our discussions it was amazing to see that so many of our counties face the similar problems such as unfunded State Mandates, lack of funding sources outside of property tax, and the downsizing of government.

-Most county representatives stated that they were constantly being forced to do so much more with so much less.

-Everyone agreed how important it was to have organizations and conferences to allow for all counties to come together to advocate effectively on the National level.

-Out of our county discussions it really seems that that there needs to greater support and collaboration to educate our respective State governments to assist the counties and provide them with more resources to get the job done.

-An idea that we tossed out was to get more federal funding directly sent to the counties so that the dollars could go to the source of paying for vital services that the counties provide.

-Given all of our challenges it was clear that collaborative education and advocacy on all levels was so important to get the resources and assistance that the counties so desperately need.

-We also picked up materials at the symposium regarding the National Association of Counties that included the following:

- [1] NACo 660 N Capitol Street Design Update which strives for the following goals:
 - [a] Greater transparency / visibility and access to daylight and views;
 - [b] Leverage technology for increased mobility and communication;
 - [c] Access to a variety of shared work settings;
 - [d] Redefine and enhance member experience and to be a destination;
 - [e] Flexible and efficient workplace;
 - [f] Increase communication and awareness, internally and externally.
- [2] 2015-2016 NACo Board Directory

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-The conference concluded with an opportunity to say our farewells to everyone until we see them for the 2016 Legislative Conference in Washington DC.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: December 9, 2015

Traveler: Ikaika Anderson


Event: 2015 NACo Safe & Secure Counties Symposium (Board of Dir. Meeting)

Location: El Paso County, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dates: From December 2, 2015 To December 5, 2015

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		N/A
2. Airfare	\$916.30 0-	pCard ACA attached
3. Hotel	\$401.28 0-	pCard hotel invoice attached
4. Meals	36.93 \$155.50 38.92	\$210.02 (personal) Receipts attached
5. Ground Transportation	207.00 \$234.00	Budget rental - \$26.80 toll activity = \$234.00 234.00
6. Tips	62.00 \$12.00 60.00	\$20 maid, \$12 meals, \$40 valet 4 days + 1 meal
7. Other		PKA
Other	26.80	Toll
Other		
8. Adjustment	\$332.93	
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$1889.95	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:


Signature of Traveler

12/23/2015
Date